





For at least the foregoing reasons, Applicants respectfully submit that claims 1 and 8 are patentable over Passafiume in view of Yokoro. Claims 2-4 depend from claim 1 and are patentable for at least the same reasons. Therefore, Applicants respectfully submit that claims 1-4 and 8 are allowable and request that this rejection be withdrawn.

## CONCLUSION

Therefore, in view of the above amendments and remarks, it is respectfully requested that the application be reconsidered and that all pending claims be allowed.

If there are any other issues remaining which the Examiner believes could be resolved through either a Supplemental Response or an Examiner's Amendment, the Examiner is respectfully requested to contact the undersigned at the telephone number indicated below.

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